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25X1 10. [] - GLC) Received a call from Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, requesting a copy of the Agency budget book and a one-page breakout of our budget. Chairman John C. Stennis (D., Miss.) obviously wants this for his use in considering intelligence community budget within the Defense Appropriation bill. Braswell also asked for a citation to and the text of the Economy Act.

Later in the day I provided all of this material to Braswell and Guy McConnell, Professional Staff Member, Senate Appropriations Committee, along with a list of services that the Agency has performed for other departments and agencies which might be cut off if section 406 of the HUD Appropriation bill (H. R. 15572) remains in that bill.

25X1 11. [] - GLC) Received a call from Vince Rakestraw, Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, asking me for our position on the Freedom of Information Act amendments. I told Rakestraw that we were not in favor of the amendments but had done the best we could to minimize the impact of this legislation and I told him of the efforts being made by the House Government Operations Committee staff to include in the conference report a recognition of the fact that Intelligence Sources and Methods were (like Communications Intelligence and Restricted Data) "born classified." I told Rakestraw that representatives of this office and our Office of General Counsel were attending a meeting at the Department of Justice on this subject this afternoon. Rakestraw was unaware that such a meeting had been scheduled but said that they had arranged to have the House/Senate conference postponed and that he was planning to have a meeting with the congressional staff people at 2:00 p. m. on Friday in an effort to "clean up the present legislation." It is clear that the previous attitude expressed by the Department of State of leaving the bill in bad shape so that a Presidential veto could be supported has now been changed.

25X1 12. [] - GLC) Left with Jim Calloway, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Appropriations Committee, the Director's letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D. Ark.) expressing []

25X1A [] Committee. Calloway indicated that he plans to have the letter duplicated and sent to all members of the Subcommittee this afternoon (the full Appropriation Committee meets to reconsider this bill tomorrow).

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25X1 13. [] GLC) Met with Chris Winters and Doris Connors, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to brief them and to have them execute secrecy agreements for compartmented information since they will be handling the "National Intelligence Daily" for Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, and Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee.

25X1 14. [] GLC) Talked with Elaine Heslin, Administrative Assistant to Representative Wayne Hays (D., Ohio), about my interest in briefing the Representative on our concern about legislation delineating the role of ambassadors abroad. When Miss Heslin said it would be impossible to get to the Representative, I told her that we were in close contact with Al Westphal, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, and she could tell Representative Hays that we would fully brief Westphal on this matter.

25X1 15. [] GLC) Returned to Chris Winters, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a transcript dated 12 January 1966 with my note indicating that we had no security objections to the release of the material in pages 12 through 16 which we had been asked to review.

25X1 16. [] GLC) Called Bud McFarland, NSC staff, and brought him up-to-date on our action with respect to possible floor amendments to the State Authorization bill in the House tomorrow concerning the role of the ambassadors abroad. McFarland said he had sent a memo to the White House staff people on this bill which expressed concern with the ramifications of such language and he said on the basis of my phone call he would talk further with White House congressional liaison staff people tonight. I told him we had no evidence that an amendment would be introduced but we thought it prudent to have appropriate members alerted and prepared for such a possibility.

✓ I also briefed McFarland on our position on the Freedom of Information Act amendments now pending in a House/Senate conference.

25X1 17. [] GLC) Called Kempton Jenkins, State Department, and brought him up-to-date on our actions with respect to a possible amendment on the House floor tomorrow concerning the role of the ambassadors abroad. Jenkins said he thought we had done all we could but he will be talking with Representative Wayne Hays (D., Ohio) in the morning and if a note from the Director is desired he will let us know.

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18. [] - GLC) Called Dick Ober and told him that in response to his request to the Director, we had prepared a suggested response to Representative Lucien N. Nedzi's (D., Mich.) request for the President's views on the Nedzi bill (H. R. 15845) and a copy of this draft was sent to Ober by courier this afternoon.

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19. [] - PLC) Together with [] OGC, attended a meeting called by the President's Council on Privacy to consider compromise proposals to H. R. 12471 which amends the Freedom of Information Act and is now in conference. Also in attendance were representatives from Justice, State, Defense, and CSC. See memorandum for the record prepared by []

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20. [] - LLM) In furtherance of the Director's instructions and in the absence from the country of David McKillop, Legislative Assistant to Senator Claiborne Pell (D., R. I.), talked to Dick Haas of Pell's staff to determine if the Senator was in need of any clarification on the Agency's judgment concerning Soviet reaction to the planned work to be done on Diego Garcia. I summarized for Haas that our substantive expert had briefed Senator Pell on this matter in April. Subsequently, on 1 August, a sanitized version of the Director's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee had been published in the Congressional Record, and there had been some distortion of Mr. Colby's statements in subsequent news accounts. Haas was aware of these developments, said he would raise the question with the Senator, but didn't think the Senator would need anything more from us unless any pertinent developments had occurred since our briefing which would bear on the issue.

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21. [] - GLC) Called Gerald D. Griffin, Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs, NASA, and in his absence talked with one of his assistants about the Senate Appropriations Committee action on

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them to seriously consider contacting Senator McClellan, or at least the Committee staff, on this matter.

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